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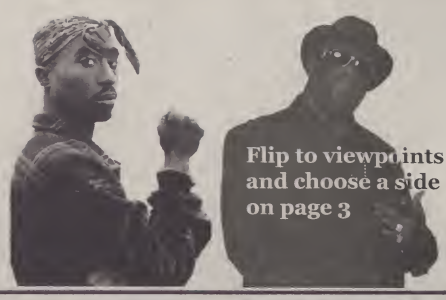

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UMW Eagle Bhangra performs on campus walk during the Multicultural Fair last Saturday.

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Bhangra participants practice before performance.

Zein Al-Atrache/Bullet

UMW Breakers dance during the fair's festivities.

Fair Draws Thousands Despite Weather

By EDEN BROWN
Staff Writer

Cloudy and cold weather did not stop the 21st annual Multicultural Fair at the University of Mary Washington this past Saturday.

While this year's fair saw fewer visitors than in 2010, the attendance was still strong, according to LaNita Weisenberger, the assistant director of the Multicultural Center.

"It is estimated that between 4,000 and 5,000 attended the Multicultural Fair this year," Weisenberger said.

The fair also saw the largest number of vendors registered since 2005, she said, with approximately 120 vendors present.

"There were several new vendors incorporated in this year's event, which included additional food, craft, and non-profit vendors," Weisenberger said.

Vendors sold everything from organic spices to jewelry from a variety of cultures. Many gave out free samples of their products. One henna artist offered visitors free henna tattoos.

The fair featured performances and organizations from a large surrounding area, including local groups such as Aikido in Fredericksburg and The Land of Promise Sanctuary Choir. The Arlington Opera Company and Desert Wind Dance Company performed in Dodd Auditorium, in addition to cultural dances from China, Africa and many more.

"The Multicultural fair is a unique opportunity for Mary Washington students to see life in a different perspective of lifestyles," junior Michael Walter said. "Also [there were] awesome acts such as step team and bhangra."

The fair also offered activities for children, many set up by UMW students, including flag making, face painting, henna and origami. Many clubs and organizations performed as well, including the dance team, and the hand percussion club.

In addition to all the events going on, there was ethnic food, such as Asian cuisine, located in Ball Circle along with funnel cakes, ice cream and food offered by Big Daddy and Two Little Mama's catering.

One student, junior Mary Purello, helped run the Charity Water table was pleased by the attendance.

"It's neat to see all the kids around getting exposed to different cultures," Purello said.

University Seeks Alumni Generosity

By BULLET STAFF

The University of Mary Washington is ramping up its efforts to attract and maintain donations.

They have been working to set up alumni chapters across the country, travelling to the Galapagos Islands with its Alumni College, and establishing a new position called the Director of National Alumni Engagement.

The new position focuses on making sure geographically separated alumni still feel connected to UMW by staying in contact with them and by setting up alumni chapters. The theory is that by making alumni feel more connected to campus, they will be more inclined to make donations.

According to Torre Meringolo, vice president for advancement and university relations, Cindy Snyder, the current director of alumni relations, will be transferring into that position.

State funding for universities has dropped by 40 percent since 2000, according to the Virginia Business Higher Education Council, so alumni donations have become paramount in ensuring the quality of education that universities are able to provide.

A 2009 study by the University of Virginia called "UVA Young Alumni Engagement Survey," found that for each event attended by alumni, their likelihood of donation increases by 10 percent. And for each subsequent event attended after that, their likelihood increases by an additional 10 percent.

The study also found that nostalgia was cited more than social or career development as the prime reason for donating.

Ken Steen, associate vice president for development, said that donations are especially important to attract quality student and professors through scholarships and professorships.

In the past 20 years, the top reasons for donations are a belief in the leadership of the university and passion, he added.

Universities work to secure donations through different means. For example, President Rick Hurley recently attended 14 alumni engagements on the east coast in 12 days, travelling between Florida, Massachusetts, New York and the Carolinas.

Meringolo said, "We have to be where the alumni live."

UVA even provides discount airline fares for alumni coming to events in Charlottesville. Also, many universities now use social networking to stay connected with their alumni no matter where they live.

The new Director of National Alumni Engagement position expands upon UMW's continued effort to track alumni interests. UMW's alumni database, which contains about 38,000 alumni, keeps track of where they live, non-profit organizations they support and trends in how much they donate and when. Snyder will be responsible for setting up events based on information in this database.

UMW's Alumni College, which was created in 2008 to provide alumni and members of the community the ability to interact with faculty for classes without quizzes, have developed a new program called "Alumni College on the Road." This program is designed to engage alumni nationally by having them travel to the Galapagos Islands with Andrew Dolby, associate professor of biology, and Nina Thompson, director of the Alumni College.

The Alumni College's page on UMW's website states that "this is a terrific opportunity to explore cultures and life beyond our own backyards, while sharing the experience with a small group of UMW alumni and friends."

According to Franklin Grant, interim vice president for advancement and university relations at Longwood University,

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Disability Resources Office Sees Influx of Students

By CATHALIJNE ADAMS
Staff Writer

To meet the needs of an increasing population of UMW students with disabilities, the Office of Disability Resources created a new position this semester.

Last month, Courtney Shewak was hired as the Office of Disability Resources's first Assistant Director.

This semester, the number of students who have registered a disability with the Office of Disabilities Resources represents a 37 percent increase from the last semester.

Over the past years, the number of students with disabilities at UMW has steadily risen.

According to Agata Thompson, the program's support technician, by the end of the 2010 spring semester, 407 students had registered their disabilities with the Office of Disability Resources.

Currently, 577 students have a disability registered with the office. Shewak cited Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder as the most common disability at Mary Washington.

However, not all of the students registered with the office have requested an accommodation for this semester.

Thomspon cites greater outreach to the student population as one of the causes for the continuing increase.

Nationally, in the 2007 to 2008 academic year, students with disabilities represented 10.8 percent of the undergraduate population, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics's "The Digest of Education."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's, "American Community Survey of 2009," 19.5 million people, or 9.9 percent of the people surveyed ages 16 to 64, reported a disability.

Shewak said that the inclusive culture of UMW particularly struck her when she came here.

"Our students are Mary Washington students," Shewak. "They're not just students with disabilities. That I think is a great testament to this university's culture. These are all our students. What can we do to make this a better place for everybody?"

In the local community, Shewak plans to coordinate fairs and presentations addressing the transition from high school to college for students with disabilities.

Both Shewak and Associate Professor Nicole Myers, who teaches special education courses, said that this transition is the most difficult part of college life for students with disabilities.

"For the first time many of them are required to decide if they want to share that they have a disability, provide their own documentation about their disability and reach out to the support services that are available at the college," Myers said. "They have to be able to self-advocate for their accommodations."

Shewak finds that students who do not take advantage of services for students with disabilities do themselves a disservice.

"There's the mindframe: I needed it in high school, but I don't need it now," Shewak said. "Moving through that and just getting the students to come in here [the Office of Disabilities Resources] is big."

In addition to providing equal access to UMW's academic, social and recreational programs for students with disabilities, the Office of Disability Resources aims to increase awareness of students with disabilities and to encourage an inclusive environment.

However, few students with

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Marie Sicola/Bullet Photo Editor

Megan Higgs and Sarah Staunton at a table for La Ceiba during challenge week.

Student Lives on $2 Per Day

By EMILY MONTGOMERY
Staff Writer

It was Friday morning, April 8. I woke up in the walkway outside Melchers alongside a few friends after having not showered, eaten a meal without rice or drank water without boiling it first since Sunday. And still, I was not ready for my second year of the Two Dollar Challenge to end that afternoon.

The Two Dollar Challenge is an organization and movement created by University of Mary Washington economic professor Shawn Humphrey in 2007 on the premise that over half the world lives on two dollars a day or less.

While the organization works year round, during the five-day challenge week students follow various rules to try and get a taste of poverty. Rules for the week stipulate that each participant is only allowed two

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outfits, must boil all water before drinking it, and, as the name suggests, can only spend the equivalent of two dollars a day on all necessities, including food and toiletries.

We also spend the week raising money for the UMW student-run microfinance group La Ceiba, which provides microloans to women in Honduras. Microloans have proven to be one of the most effective tools of breaking the cycle of poverty.

The number of students involved has grown each year but this year had the biggest increase in participation, from about 20 students partaking in it last year to over 50 this year.

While leaders were worried about the influx of participants and how that would affect the close knit spirit that flourished

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BEAT

By LINDLEY ESTES
News Editor

April 6- University police responded to reports of burglary at Willard Hall, which occurred between 10:40 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. The investigation is pending.

April 7- A UMW student, 19, of Manassas was arrested for possession of marijuana by the Fredericksburg police at an unknown time.

April 7- Police responded to reports of vandalism, which occurred at the UMW apartments at 1102 William St., at an unknown time. An investigation is pending.

April 7- Campus police responded to reports of vandalism at Russell Hall, which occurred at an unknown date and time. The report is incomplete.

April 7- Police responded to Willard Hall after reports of a sexual assault, which occurred between 9:45 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. The investigation is pending.

April 9- Police responded to Arrington Hall after reports of vandalism, which occurred between 1:00 a.m. and 1:38 a.m. The investigation is pending.

April 9- University police forces responded to reports of petit larceny at Arrington Hall, which occurred sometime between the day before and the day of the report. An investigation is pending.

April 10- The campus police responded to the UMW apartments after reports of a disturbance and alcohol violations occurring at 1:58 a.m. Administrative referrals were issued.

April 10- University police responded to Simpson Library after reports of vandalism, which occurred at an unknown time. An investigation is pending.

April 10- At 11:20 p.m., Fredericksburg police responded to the 900 block of Hanover Street, after a UMW student reported that a window was broken out of his vehicle while it was parked on the street. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

April 11- A UMW student, 19, of Arlington was arrested for urinating in public.

April 12- At 12:30 a.m., Fredericksburg police responded to 1410 Augustine Ave. after reports of a loud party and found a group of students drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana in the yard. Two UMW students, both 20, were each arrested for possession of marijuana and released by the officer on summons. The leaseholder and UMW student, 22 and of Fredericksburg, was arrested for possession of schedule III narcotics and maintaining a common nuisance, the latter charge resulting from the high number of disturbance complaints which have originated at the address. The leaseholder was incarcerated at the Rappahannock Regional Jail under a $3,500 bond. A search warrant was also obtained and executed on the residence; the findings of the search warrant were not available at the time of publication.

April 12- A UMW student, 18, of Warrenton was arrested at an unknown time by the Fredericksburg police for possession of alcohol on the riverbank and possession of glass containers on the riverbank.

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This information was compiled with help from Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Community Services Susan Knick, Police Department Business Manager James DeLoatch, and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natatia Bledsoe.

Marie Sicola/Bullet Photo Editor

English professor Claudia Emerson works with a student. She recently won membership to the Fellowship of Southern Writers and was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship, which comes with $40,000.

Emerson Wins Guggenheim Fellowship, is Inducted Into Fellowship of Southern Writers

By RYAN MARR and LINDLEY ESTES
Staff Editors

Claudia Emerson, professor of creative writing at the University of Mary Washington and Pulitzer Prize winning poet, received a prestigious fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim foundation last week, winning $40,000 toward her next creative endeavor.

Emerson discovered the email relaying her acceptance during her early afternoon Poetry Seminar on April 7.

Senior Erin Longbottom was in the room when Emerson read the email on her cell phone.

According to Longbottom, Emerson looked at her phone and immediately seemed excited. After she informed the class of the fellowship, she ran out of the room to tell others.

"Everyone was really happy for her," Longbottom said. "We had a party in class for her on Tuesday and brought baked goods and sparkling cider to celebrate."

Emerson plans to use the grant money to travel to Palermo, Italy during a previously scheduled sabbatical during the spring semester of 2012. In Palermo, she hopes to experience the place and culture, while learning about the life and practices of a 20th century embalmer. She also plans to visit several medical history museums in the U.S.

"Coming off a book about postmortem photography, I'm interested in how we refuse to give in to death and how we try to preserve it," Emerson said. "I'm also interested in 19th century medical practices and education."

According to the foundation's website, Emerson is among 180 winners chosen this year out of more than 3,000 applicants.

According to Emerson, 10 poets won the award this year.

"I really respect all of these writers, especially Peter Campion, Maurice Manning and A.E. Stallings," Emerson said. "I'm really excited about meeting all these people from different disciplines I'm interested in too."

Since its establishment in 1925, the Guggenheim Foundation has granted nearly $290 million in fellowships to more than 17,000 individuals.

Emerson won the fellowship after just her first application, titled "Poetics of Preservation: Form and Formula."

"The Guggenheim is different from other things I've applied for in that it's designed for people who are mid-career, with four or five books already written," Emerson said. "In applying for it, you send them what you've already done. I've also got a pretty good track record with delivering on grants. I'm not sure what strings are attached to the money, but there's a measure of trust regarding my use of it, given my career of professionalism so far."

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> --Claudia Emerson

Chair of the department of English, Teresa Kennedy said, "For Claudia to win this on her first application is almost unheard of. She deserves it. She is a fantastic colleague and poet:.. This is one of the most impressive honors to bestow on an artist."

According to a university press release, Emerson was also inducted yesterday into the Fellowship of Southern Writers, along with 11 other southern writers, including Harper Lee, author of the Pulitzer-Prize winning "To Kill A Mockingbird."

Emerson won the 2006 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for her collection, "Late Wife," as well.

She is also a former Virginia poet laureate, serving from 2008 through 2010.

According to Emerson, each of her awards has meant something different in her career.

"The Pulitzer was the one award where my mother knew what it was," Emerson said. "One of the biggest differences about this grant though is that I've actually written very little towards it, beyond just research. While I won the Pulitzer for a book I'd already written, I'm getting the Guggenheim for what I'm going to work on next."

However, winning awards is not Emerson's first priority.

"I think setting your sights on a prize is like chasing the wind," she said. "How do you write for that? I think that would really mess with you, with your creative self."

According to Kennedy, Emerson has a level head about her recent fellowship.

"A lot of people who would win these things would be susceptible to be arrogant," Kennedy said. "Not her. She is so warm and caring."

New Provost to Oversee Enrollment

By WILLIAM SORENSEN
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington has appointed Fred Pierce to the newly created position of associate provost for enrollment management and student services.

Pierce's appointment will take effect on July 25, and will put him in charge of enrollment, recruitment and student services at UMW. More specifically he will oversee the Offices of Admissions, the University Registrar, Academic Services, Disability Resources and Career Services.

Pierce expressed a great deal of excitement about his upcoming work at UMW, calling it, "a very attractive place to pursue an opportunity."

> *UMW is "a very attractive place to pursue an opportunity."*
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> *–Fred Pierce*

According to Pierce, the most attractive part of UMW is its size. There are certain qualities about small schools, he says, that fit his strengths better than his current, larger school, the University of Tennessee.

In particular he prefers the smaller number of students, because it enables stronger student/staff relations and allows for a more transforming educational experience.

He also praised UMW's efforts to provide a quality educational experience to its students, calling it, "something I'd like to be a part of."

He is enthusiastic about serving along side existing faculty and staff in furthering this end, and improving student life in any way possible.

The opportunity of returning to Virginia, his birth state, is also important to Pierce. To him, Tennessee was a nice place to live and work, "but it never really felt like home."

Pierce currently serves as the undergraduate programs director at the University of Tennessee. In this position he was responsible for the business college's curriculum development, study abroad programs and various support services.

He also co-directed the college's honors program and managed the advising and academic services of over 5,000 undergraduates.

According to Pierce, this experience has given him an understanding of student needs which will help him to excel in his upcoming stay at UMW.

Prior to his position at the University of Tennessee, Pierce was a program counselor with Project Discovery, a People Incorporated Community Action Agency, in Abingdon, Va.

Over the course of his career Pierce has earned numerous awards, such as the College of Business Administration Outstanding Staff Award for Professionalism in 2004 and 2010, and the Provost's Citation for Excellence in Advising in 2002. All of these honors were bestowed by the University of Tennessee.

He received a master's degree from the University of Tennessee, and a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Belk College of Business.

Correction

In the March 31 edition of the *Bullet*, Joel Carrillo's name was misspelled in a caption. In the related article entitled, Sudent Petitions to Honor Alumna, a pull quote from Carrillo was misattributed.

Viewpoints

Compared to Tupac, Biggie is Small Potatoes

By KIERAN MULLARKEY
Staff Writer

A 100-person survey was taken over the last few weeks that consisted of one question, "Which rapper do you prefer? Notorious B.I.G. or Tupac Shakur." I have taken business research methods so I do know a thing or two about surveys. Of the 100 surveyed, 61 people voted for The Notorious B.I.G., also known as Biggie Smalls, and 39 people voted for Tupac Shakur.

Although I prefer Tupac to Biggie, I think that most students like Biggie better because he is from New York City and most students at UMW are from the East Coast. Tupac is from the West Coast, Los Angeles in particular.

Most UMW students have probably been to New York City more times than L.A. These students probably feel a stronger connection to a rapper from that area. I also rarely see any L.A. Dodgers caps around campus but tons of Yankees caps.

After interviewing a couple students, I got the vibe that more college students preferred Biggie, but were fond of both rappers. Junior Steven Deltuva said, "I think Biggie is a better rapper, but Tupac has better content."

Senior Rob Freeman revealed his preference for Biggie, saying, "I think Biggie is more genuine in his songs. He raps about personal experiences."

After speaking with a couple students and analyzing the results of the survey, I developed the hypothesis: if this poll were taken at a college campus on the West Coast, especially the Los Angeles area, the college students would probably prefer Tupac over Biggie. It is easier to prefer a rapper that raps about an area that you are from.

I have argued about who is the better rapper with friends or random acquaintances at parties, and always argue in favor of Tupac. I love Biggie, but he only had two studio albums, not including albums produced and released posthumously. Tupac had seven finished albums before his death and all seven of them were released as studio albums. Tupac is easier to base a case off since he has more albums, but the majority of his songs are better.

Songs like "I Ain't Mad at Cha," "California Love," "Life Goes On," and "Keep Ya Head Up" are amazing songs, which I think are better than Biggie's biggest hits. "Juicey" and "The What" are probably my favorite Biggie songs, but they do not get my heart pumping like Tupac.

Tupac's songs have much more energy invested in them than Biggie's. Tupac's "Hit 'Em Up" is one of the most energetic songs ever written and it transcends Biggie's lively club hits by a long shot. In "Hit 'Em Up," Tupac says, "Now you're about to feel the wrath of a menace." He makes his wrath known in every song; Biggie does not.

This debate will continue among thousands of college students for years to come, but I made my opinion clear despite the 61 percent of UMW students that disagree with me. If I was stranded on a desert island and could only listen to one rapper, it would be Tupac Shakur hands down.

Often Overlooked, UMW Sports Deserve More Student Attention

Staff Editorial

Mary Washington is unique from larger universities in a multitude of ways, but one of the major differences is how our athletics fail to garner the same sort of attention or following that larger institutions do.

Obviously, UMW athletics don't compete on the Division I level, and that probably is the main reason that the student body constantly dismisses the different sports we have. However, just because the Eagles' sports teams aren't of the caliber of those from Virginia Tech or the University of Maryland doesn't mean that the student body and faculty can't support the teams that we do have. Division III athletes are still high caliber players in their respective sports, and their games tend to be entertaining and amusing to watch.

The Capital Athletic Conference, the conference that UMW sports play in, is a highly competitive one with its share of rivalries and quality rivalries. Mary Washington has had strong representation in a horde of different sports, particularly in the 2010-2011 school year in which 15 of the 16 eligible varsity teams finished fourth place or higher in the regular season conference standings.

The apathy regarding the school's sports teams is a sad thing to witness.

The varsity teams are not the only ones making noise, as the men's rugby team has constantly competed at a high level, and this year the women's rugby team advanced to play on a national level in the USA Rugby semi-quarterfinals.

Yet despite the wide array of competitive teams, the Mary Washington community continues to overlook the school's athletics. Attendance at nearly all athletic events are scarce, and the excuse that poor college kids don't have money and thus can't afford tickets to games can't be made since the majority of UMW sporting events are free to attend. The apathy regarding the school's sports teams is a sad thing to witness, as people would rather rant and rave online about their misinterpretations of satire then attend an Eagles baseball game.

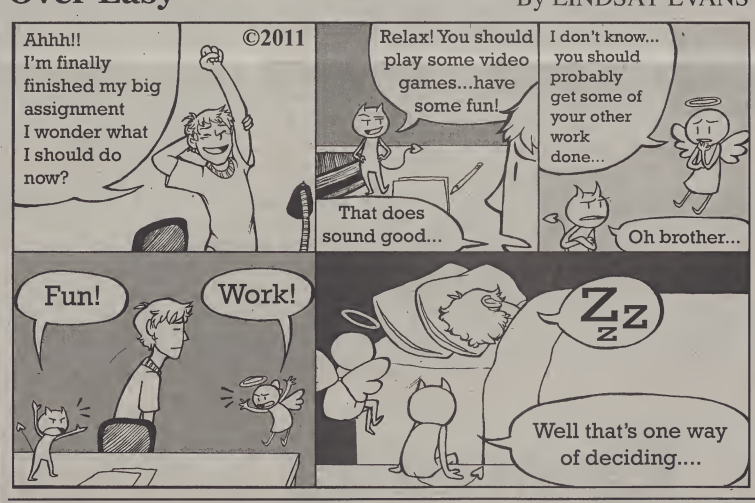
UMW sports teams don't compete on national television for the country to see, so our athletes aren't deified and our teams aren't as well publicized. However, that doesn't mean that it is some arduous task to support our university's teams and display school pride.

Cheap Shots

By COLEMAN CLARK

Over Easy

By LINDSAY EVANS



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Lines of Taste Blur After Inside Jokes Go Too Far

Thought You Knew

By Jordan Kroll

If you were to visit my apartment without knowing my roommate or me (which would be really weird, by the way), you might think we have an unhealthy obsession with cats.

Actually, we do have an unhealthy obsession with cats, but only because we both hate the demonic fur-balls so much. Too much, probably.

Our hatred of the pointless creatures that some of you call pets has been a running joke for years, resulting in several instances of us going on rampages in which we'd spam each other's Facebooks with cat pictures and videos.

So, naturally, when we moved in at the beginning of the year, we thought it would be hilarious to put pictures of cats all over our apartment.

I don't even notice the cats anymore, but there have been several occasions where I've had to defend them to visitors who don't understand why we would hang up these pictures if we don't actually like cats.

Everyone decorates their home with pictures of the thing they hate the most, right?

I can't be the only one who has no idea where to draw the line between real taste and ironic taste.

Actually, I'm not even sure that there is a line anymore.

I can't even tell you the number of times I've started off hating a song, downloaded it as a joke and then, after repeated plays, been unable to figure out if "Like a G6" is the best or worst thing that's ever happened to music.

The cycle usually begins innocently enough when I'm sucked into the dark abyss of the Internet in the middle of the night. I never liked Shania Twain, yet somehow I found myself watching one of her old music videos, wondering where I could acquire a velvet, leopard print cape.

Actually, I'm not even sure that there is a line anymore.

As soon as the upbeat, pop-country tune and Shania's soulful twang began, I was brought back to my childhood. I realized that I knew all of the words to more than a few of Shania's hits, thanks to my mom's objectively terrible taste in music between the years 1998 and 2003.

In the days following, I couldn't get the songs out of my head.

I figured I couldn't be the only one of my friends who was familiar with Shania's work, though they probably hadn't thought about her in years. How funny would it be to play her songs at a party, I thought. No one would expect it, so the combination of surprise and the fact that this music is laughably awful would make it the perfect joke.

And it was.

It was such a great joke, that many of my friends also downloaded Shania. "Man I feel Like a Woman," became an instant favorite and we all took turns playing it when we thought the others would least expect it.

As the novelty wore off, the joke died, but I'd be lying if I said we don't still play a Shania song or two every once in a while.

I don't like the way her music sounds, but I also clearly don't hate it. Shania Twain represents a strange gray area in my personal tastes that I like and appreciate for the jokes it can provide, rather than any earnest enjoyment I experience while listening to it.

But, either way, I'm the one listening to Shania Twain, so does it really matter why?

"God, how I hate the 20th century."

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Viewpoints

Letters to the Editor:

Shame on the Bullet: reader response to 'Bullshit' edition

Dear Editor,

I wanted to let you know the extreme disappointment and disgust I felt after reading the recent "Bullshit" article from March 31. Please keep in mind it is not just students that read the *Bullet*, it is alumni (like myself) who are your readers.

When I was a sophomore in 2006 a petition went around the dorms asking the *Bullet* to remove Sexclamations from it's pages, and at the time I felt it was well within the paper's rights to publish articles that are within taste, albeit not my taste.

However, the line was severely crossed with this recent publication, specifically the caption underneath the photo of *Bullet* Online Editor. which read: "Dave thought if he ever went to jail it would be because he's into 14-year-old girls." This floored me until I turned the page and discovered the grotesque poem "by" Michael McCarthy talking about abortion and other sexual acts.

The *Bullet* should be a portal for students to express their ideas, opinions and news.

What kind of image is the *Bullet* projecting if they must dedicate two pages of satirical "Bullshit" that belongs more in the pages of Playboy, not my collegiate newspaper. I sincerely hope others feel this way, and frankly I feel disappointed that this letter even needs to be sent to your paper.

The Bullet should be a portal for students to express their ideas, opinions, and news.

I am very proud of having attending Mary Washington, but I should be able to read the paper without having to read fake news about abortions, child pedophilia and other unmentionables. What's the point of faculty advisers or student editors if they let these types of articles through to publication?

Sincerely,

Joyce Metzler Class of 2009

Humor in Anderson Center article lacked taste, respect

Dear Editor,

I am extremely disturbed by the tasteless article and picture titled "Bullshit Exclusive: BOV votes to raze the Anderson Center in the most recent edition of the *Bullet*. First of all the language is disturbing and classless, and you are making fun of our Athletic Director who has worked countless hours to build this addition to our campus!

It is disrespectful and downright embarrassing. As a member of the Athletic Department I take offense to this article and picture.

This is not funny and in a time when potential incoming freshmen and their families are on our campus and picking up *Bullets* to read - this is the impression we are printing. Shame on you!

When potential incoming freshmen and their families are on our campus and picking up Bullets to read this is the impression we are printing.

Sincerely,

Dana Hall

Associate Professor and Assistant Athletic Director

Two Dollar Challenge Calls for Empathy

By BEN SAUNDERS
Guest Contributor

This editorial is in response to Jordan Kroll's previous article titled, "False Poverty Offends Tastes."

"Doing good" is difficult, especially for college students. Finding a motivating issue that encourages students to act is difficult when considering how messed up this world is. If we are lucky enough to whittle our confusion into a single-minded devotion to noble causes, there is still the task of navigating through bureaucratic inefficiencies and the conflicting interests that are inevitable aspects of implementing worthwhile projects. These are the rocks upon which the good intentions of charity are wrecked.

Nevertheless, La Ceiba, the organization that grew from the Two Dollar Challenge, has been very successful. We've issued over $10,000 in microloans to 40 Honduran women, providing them with the means to advance their entrepreneurial efforts. We've sat with them, listening to their happiness and frustration, and sharing in their jokes and ideas about the world at large. In every project, La Ceiba treats the community with the dignity they deserve.

So to Jordan Kroll, who critiqued the Two Dollar Challenge last Thursday in her article "False Poverty Offends Tastes," I think you missed the boat. This year the Two Dollar Challenge raised over $2,500 for La Ceiba to "do something useful," which should resolve much of your frustration. To the rest, I would be the first to concede that we are "playing poverty." I have no idea how we could do anything but merely approximate the conditions faced by those we aim to help. In fact, I have no idea how I could ever claim to understand the perspective of a position in which I've never been.

However, at least those in the Two Dollar Challenge try to step beyond where they are. Though you might not think it, the Two Dollar Challenge is an exercise in self-deprivation. Admittedly, our choice to "play poverty" is mediated by the wealthy society that we live in, as by the demands of schoolwork that must be met.

To what extent each of us engage these factors is a personal choice. But it's not particularly easy, so before critics of the challenge make claims against its authenticity I would suggest that they try it first.

Jordan Kroll's strongest retort to our efforts was to point out there are "probably better ways to help poor people than pretending to be poor." I'll affirm her point with clarity rather than sarcasm and say: there are definitely better ways to help. I think that I've outlined some of those above, and shown how the funds raised by the Two Dollar Challenge support them, but Kroll didn't bother to give that much credence.

Instead of presenting La Ceiba's work, Jordan advocates donating time and money through building expeditions and care packages. These are established methods to alleviate certain forms of poverty, but what about those environments with problems left unsolved by new buildings and materials? What about social problems that require solutions through human interaction? Do we ignore them because we refuse to step out of our own shoes?

The Two Dollar Challenge asks its participants to recognize that a crucial reason that good intentions fail is a lack of self-critique. I ask anyone still skeptical of the experience to talk with participants. I think they will find that it forced some serious reflection from people who were already aware that poverty existed.

Jordan says we've offended her tastes. Good. Those who are familiar with Two Dollar Challenge know that false poverty offends. It leads to taunts and accusations of insincerity, and for those willing to listen, it leads to questions. For some, the answers lead to new-found empathy, and for others a cynical rejection. Whatever the individual case, at least there's discussion about the problems of global poverty.

While I will never know the complete experience of poverty through Challenge Week, I do know that even poverty's approximation has the potential to challenge assumptions. College is a luxury that affords us many things, including an environment where students get our feet wet without drowning. I will not ask forgiveness for loving an event that pushes some in the University a little farther toward the deep end at a time when they want to retreat.

'Birds and Bees' Awkward For Parents

People hate awkward moments. Like politicians, no one likes to be in a situation where they can feel their soul cringing in pain every time they have to answer a difficult question. This is why almost everyone avoids describing their bedroom activities to the parental units because parents make everything more embarrassing. It turns out that the feeling is mutual; what else explains why parents never bring themselves to telling their little darlings about the birds and the bees?

Unfortunately for mankind, this epic exchange of awkwardness between parent and child over sexual behavior is usually unavoidable. Since Mom and Dad hold the purse strings most of the time, they can monitor their child's behavior like evil, totalitarian, paternal tyrants if they so choose. This means that students have to have a game plan for how to address this issue when the time comes.

Sexclamations
By CALVIN SHERWOOD

The first step is to know the opponent. While it is obvious that their main goal is to embarrass their children in front of their friends, parents seem to also have their child's safety in mind. Therefore, if one satisfies that aspect of their concerns, like convincing them you won't get herpes, become pregnant or impregnate, there is less reason for them to inquire deeply into your nightly activities. This rather straightforward strategy is crazy enough that it just might work.

Another trick is to not lie; it's not that parents can always detect the lies of their children, but rather if you lie too much, then you can get caught in your own web of deceit. Never underestimate the ability of newly retired parents with large amounts of free time to find a snag in an alibi: after all, other than trying to figure out Facebook, those empty nesters don't have anything better to do now that they can't make you clean up your room!

For the best chance of shortening any awkward moments talking about the sexy time with parents, eliminate unnecessary details and extra info. Just like no one wants to hear details about when you go to the bathroom, additional information describing intimate physical events will probably be unwelcome. This shouldn't be a problem for most students, but remember that it only takes one mistake to create a lifetime's supply of awkward family dinners.

When dealing with parents, it's best to acknowledge their concerns and tell them the truth while not giving too much extra information. If that fails, remind them who gets to choose their retirement home.

Opposing Viewpoints

Taxpayer Money Should Not Fund Planned Parenthood

By ANDREA FORCUM
Staff Writer

Once again, Congress has established an impending deadline to sort out differences of opinion on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Conservatives fight to reduce federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood could certainly be seen as public service. It currently provides things that are important to the community such as education, STD testing and birth control. The point of tension arises when abortion is brought into the picture.

Abortion, to the frustration of many (mostly conservative) Americans, is legal. However, by funding this non-profit organization, are we not endorsing its initiatives, including encouraging women to get abortions?

According to the Planned Parenthood website, only three percent of their health services are abortion services. If a woman makes the decision to get an abortion, then I do not want to be funding it.

At the very least, there should be a stipulation on government gifts to ensure they are not used for abortions. The American people work hard and have a good portion of their pay taken to support the items decided on right now.

According to the Planned Parenthood annual report from 2009, a whopping 33 percent of their operating costs come from government grants, which are second only to the revenue from the health centers themselves.

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The government rarely gives any funding without some sort of stipulation along with it. The problem with simply providing a stipulation is that it would simply free up funds in other areas that could be allocated for abortive procedures.

Therefore, the best way to discourage abortion in the organization is to withhold or limit funding such a politically volatile organization. Again, I do think that Planned Parenthood has some legitimate purposes, but those same purposes could be attained other ways.

The government gave Planned Parenthood a total of $363.2 million in 2009 according to Planned Parenthood's annual report. It is inconceivable that the government is allocating that kind of money for an organization with such practices that are still highly debated.

I think it is natural to have an opinion on how that money is spent, particularly when it comes to the difficult moral question of abortion. An abortion, in almost all cases, is an elective surgery.

Even if the law is currently to protect the right to make an individual decision about abortion, why is it too much to expect the financial responsibility to fall upon the person making that decision? America is all about individual rights, why not a little more individual responsibility?

Republicans to Cut Necessary Social Programs from Public

By BRIAN AURICCHIO
Asst. Viewpoints Editor

Last Friday, Democrats and Republicans agreed on a short-term budget. This is the seventh budget passed in the last six months, accentuating the gross partisan bias that has divided Washington. While President Barack Obama was hesitant to sign yet another short-term bill, it was done out of necessity to avoid a government shutdown.

The fight over this year's budget only emphasizes the inappropriate shift in our federal government's priorities. Those who need the most are pushed aside to the political periphery and take the hardest cuts while the rich continue with minimum sacrifice.

Republicans, eager to cut spending in social services, planned on cutting $317 million in Planned Parenthood funding. Not to say that Democrats are innocent of this trend, but Republicans are quick to protect tax cuts for the wealthy and big business while the taxpayer must pay those externalized costs.

According to CNN, "…a Republican push to cut $317 million in federal funding from Planned Parenthood failed. Democrats also thwarted attempts to get federal dollars currently set aside for family planning and women's health turned into block grants for states."

How quickly people forget that U.S. companies, like General Electric, receive huge tax breaks from the government, even in these difficult economic times. During 2010, GE paid not one penny for taxes, even as its profits soared to $14 billion.

This is a harsh reality for Obama, who campaigned for closing corporate loopholes that exploit the American taxpayer.

Most oil companies still receive huge tax breaks from the federal government, even though Obama also campaigned on ending our reliance on finite resources and leading the world in alternative energy sources.

Congress and Obama also extended Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthy earlier this year. When the government needs money, it is true: not everyone is equal. Greed has saturated our political atmosphere while the ultra-rich pursue personal agendas at the expense of the average citizen.

One must question how long these class divisions can sustain themselves?

Our government is no longer for all people, but mostly for the upper stratification of this plutocracy, as welfare and other social programs are increasingly underfunded.

New York Times columnist Robert H. Frank writes, "With the median wage, adjusted for inflation, lower now than in 1980, most middle-class families cannot afford additional taxes.

In contrast, the top tenth of 1 percent of earners today make about four times as much as in 1980, while those higher up have enjoyed even larger gains. Chief executives of large American companies, for example, earn more than 10 times what they did in 1980. In short, top earners are where the money is."

As it becomes more evident that trickle-down economics does not work, our government still shifts policy in favor of those with enough money to influence the decision. The budget battle is no exception.

Entertainment

Tennis Takes You on a Bad Vacation to 'Cape Dory'

courtesy of forcefieldpr.com

By MARGARET BOYLE
Staff Writer

Looking to get in the mood for summer? Tennis's latest album,"Cape Dory," will do the trick.

The product of married couple Alaina Moore and Patrick Riley's seven month trip sailing along the eastern coast of the United States, "Cape Dory" has an old-school quality to it, crossing The Beach Boys' vibes with The Angels' vocals.

The album opener "Take Me Somewhere," is a strong track with catchy hooks that set the mood of the record.

There are very few tracks that stand well by themselves, until you get to "Marathon," which is easily the most engaging track on the album.

It carries feminine vocals on top of a modern tune.

It is the perfect lead in to "Bimini Bay," which sounds like a calm, soothing lullaby. "Pigeon" is another well written track, discarding the nautical themes momentarily for a refreshing love song.

The album generally blends together well, but the flow is occasionally disrupted by problematic currents.

It's not a great listening experience for someone who takes no interest in the ocean or sailing.

On the infrequent chance that the lyrics are not about nautical activities they're mushy love lines. Towards the end of the album the catchy, stuck-in-your-head riffs start to get over-done, if they are present at all.

It becomes monotonous and predictable. In the final track "Waterbirds," the lyrics "When you kiss me, you really kiss me" left me cringing. It consequently leaves the listener with a bad taste in their mouth if they don't remember the earlier, more solid tracks on the album.

The talent is evident, but an altogether stronger track list is much needed.

I give them credit for the clever band name, Tennis being a game usually played by two people, the number of people active in the band, but the witticisms aren't enough to save "Cape Dory" from its shortcomings.

"Cape Dory"
Tennis
Release Date: 1/18/2011
★★½☆☆

Horoscopes

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 19
You're going to need to start ducking under things if you let your head get any bigger.

Taurus: Apr 20 - May 20
It's not paranoia if they really are after you.

Gemini: May 21 - Jun 20
Posting embarrassing pictures of other people sure is fun, but remember that karma is even more fun.

Cancer: Jun 21 - Jul 22
An enlightening experience with massive amounts of malt liquor will get you very in touch with your inner cat and meowing abilities.

Leo: Jul 23 - Aug 22
Nothing makes a traffic jam more stressful than a giant knight lancing your car.

Virgo: Aug 23 - Sep 22
Go out with a bang. If it looks enough, it looks good enough.

Libra: Sep 23 - Oct 22
The best way to get ahead is to give it up.

Scorpio: Oct 23 - Nov 21
Your secret admirer thinks you look really cool this week. Especially from the camera on her cell phone.

Sagittarius: Nov 22 - Dec 21
Always be true to yourself: Just come out and have a good time.

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 19
Everything you touch turns to gold. Might want to avoid touching the showerhead, unless you're into that sort of thing.

Aquarius: Jan 20 - Feb 18
Figure out if you're insecure about your giant nose because it's big, or if it's big because you're insecure.

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20
When the stars told you to get on your knees and grovel, they didn't also tell you to throw up all over my shoes.

Weekly Sudoku

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Campus Dining News

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Entertainment

Top 5 Reasons to Practice Abstinence

By LANDON JAMES
Staff Writer

In lieu of my last Top 5, you may have been under the impression that I not only advocate sex in public places on campus, but sex in general.

However, there are always two sides to every condom and I would not be an objective investigative reporter if I did not at least give both sides a chance for their voice to be heard.

So instead of lecturing you like any high school health class can do, I am going to guide you through the top five reasons why abstinence is the hippest thing since sliced bread.

1. Safety

The most obvious reason for abstaining is simple: no sexually transmitted diseases! Yay!

Now, I know many of you readers out there love the taste of danger and enjoy pushing the limits, but just keep in mind the physical repercussions that you might encounter from giving into that one night of drunken passion without that rubber. No matter how daring and invincible you think you are, urinating fire can even bring Superman to his knees.

So put yourself and your safety first and just remember what Smokey the Bear always said, "Only you can prevent fiery urination."

2. Sex is Immoral

One thing to always keep in mind is that Jesus is always watching you. Like Sting, Jesus is watching every move you make, every step you take, and every vow you break. Not only will you lose all your chips if you play your v-card too early, but the loser's ring is none other than the ninth circle of hell.

Despite the flames that torment the other eight circles of hell, you will enjoy the necessity of keeping your beer cold as you freeze beside Brutus, Cassius, and Judas Iscariot, the best drinking buddies in the world. That's right if you have sex, you are not only betraying yourself, but you are betraying God.

Just try living with that on your conscience for the rest of eternity as you watch Judas being eaten alive by Satan himself. Now if that is not a good reason to abstain then I don't know what is.

3. Children

This should be one of the most compelling reasons to run in the opposite direction screaming at simply the mention of sexual intercourse.

Not only must you take into consideration the types of genetics you are experimenting with, but having to push a stroller everywhere you go not only makes it harder to go drinking with your buddies on Friday night, but life in general.

Furthermore, all it takes is one little pinprick in the free condoms at the health center to give that one ambitious little swimmer the opportunity to reach for the gold. And believe me, that is the one Olympic event you don't want to win.

So next time you think about doing the dirty, just think about the children, you do not want to be having that is.

Plus, once you have a child, all it takes is getting it wet or feeding it after midnight to have an apocalyptic infant infestation on your hands and I'll be damned if I live to see that happen on our campus.

4. Bad Genes

Sometimes abstaining from sex is not simply an issue of morals. Sometimes you have to look at the greater picture and think about humanity as a whole.

Now, don't get me wrong, everybody deserves to find love and be loved, but you have to take into consideration what type of genetic pools you are mingling. Sex is not always all it is cracked up to be; in fact, sometimes it just should not happen at all.

And don't think I'm advocating some sort of superior Aryan race, if anything I'm simply trying to prevent genetic mutations and X-Men from being created accidentally. Last thing we need are mutant babies that can bend metal with their minds and shoot lasers out of their eyes.

So don't take it personally, there might be somebody out there for you, or there might not, but keeping things in your pants for the time being might just be the best option for you and humanity.

5. Awkward Mornings

There is hardly anything worse or more embarrassing than blacking out from too many Jell-O shots and waking up the next morning naked and confused, in somebody else's apartment, lying beside Lord knows who, and having to piece together the blacked out puzzle of your night.

If you are lucky, you can hopefully slip out before the sleeping giant awakes, but once your mystery partner wakes up it is all downhill from there. Plus, on a small campus like UMW, there is no escaping the awkward encounters that come free of charge once you purchase the awkward morning. It's a two-for-one deal that can't be beat, except by abstinence.

So put down that Natty Light, stop giving everyone the sexual hungry hippo glare, and walk back home arm-in-arm with your dignity and self-respect.

After all, at UMW, most of the students surveyed said that between the sheets one is more fun, so snuggle up with you and your bad self and leave the awkward mornings for someone with less civility than you.

Well, there you have it, the top five reasons to drop sex like a dirty, STD-infected, bad habit. So throw away those "holey" condoms, get chummy with Jesus, and relish in your newfound sexual sobriety.

And always remember, Jesus and Sting are always watching.

Undeniably Adjacent's 2nd To Last Show Cracks Fans Up

By UPMA KAPOOR
Staff Writer

As we approach the end of the semester, UMW's one and only improv troupe perseveres to end the final shows of the semester on a high note.

Fortunately, after two rather disappointing shows back-to-back, the Undeniably Adjacent successfully redeemed themselves this past weekend at their second-to-last show of the spring semester.

The core of the Undeniably Adjacent's improvisation game depends upon one-word suggestions from audience members. Rather than adhering to the strict word-pattern format, the team welcomed back monologist Matt Czap to open and close the show with sarcastically entertaining monologues based on "surfers" and "rubber necking."

In previous monologues, Czap did not shy away from incorporating introspective anecdotes into his monologues. Friday was no exception as Czap shared two separate anecdotes revealing the unforeseen hilarity of his father potentially breaking his neck and a funeral procession on Route 95, assisting the Undeniably Adjacent's interpretation and enhancing their performance.

While the second thirty-minute segment did not have a monologist, the Undeniably Adjacent maintained a strong approach to the word "chili peppers."

The absence of a preceding monologue allowed each of the members to channel their own personalities and [insert word for successfully here] cooperate with one another. One notable, recurring piece from the second show was the European Tattoo Shop.

The Undeniably Adjacent certainly took advantage of their talent with Russian accents and recognition of stereotypes to please the crowd.

Overall, the Undeniably Adjacent's performances were loud with laughter and absolutely struggle-free, leaving the audience satisfied and simultaneously ecstatic and heartbroken about the final show to be held on Friday, April 22nd.

Luckily, frequent fans of the Undeniably Adjacent will have one more opportunity to witness the jokes of two notably humorous Undeniably Adjacent members—senior Kyle Dratwa and junior Isaac Whalen—at the Night of Stand-Up this Thursday, April 14th, at 8 p.m. in Combs 139. The event, like all Undeniably Adjacent shows, will be free.

Mastodon's 'Live at the Aragon' Does Justice To Their Masterful 'Crack the Skye' Album

By JOSHUA LAWSON
Staff Writer

Mastodon's 2009 album "Crack the Skye" was your standard contemporary pop record: a set of seven songs, most of which clocked in at over five minutes, detailing the journey of a paraplegic boy whose soul is separated from his body when he astro travels too close to the sun. Yep, totally standard.

Mastodon is a master of a dying art form—the album. Their performance of "Crack the Skye" in its entirety on "Live at the Aragon" serves as a testament of that mastery.

Live albums can already be difficult to swallow and "Live at the Aragon" is no miraculous exception to the tropes of the category. Add to that the inclusion of an entire album, an already daunting listening task for many in the iTunes generation, and "Live at the Aragon" quickly limits its audience.

Those not turned off by these factors, however, will likely find something to enjoy in the band's latest offering.

Mastodon isn't a band of American idols, but fans of the band's earlier records will have no problem with the less-than-stellar vocal performance, especially considering the precision with which the group plays their instruments.

Brent Hinds and Bill Kelliher showcase impressive guitar acrobatics while drummer Brann Dailor and Bassist Troy Sanders provide an always-stable rhythm section.

The album's accompanying DVD is an appreciated addition.

The band's set features a video backdrop detailing the easily confusing narrative of "Crack the Skye," and having not only the performance but also the video itself on DVD is sure to please fans.

In addition to "Crack the Skye," the performance also includes one song from each of the band's other albums (fans will surely debate whether the right selections were made) and a cover of The Melvins' "The Bit."

"Live at the Aragon" won't change anyone's opinion on live albums or Mastodon but the effort is something to be valued.

Mastodon belong to a group of performers ranging from Bruce Springsteen to Coheed & Cambria that won't settle for three-and-a-half minute singles, opting instead to still fight for the appreciation of the album, and while "Live at the Aragon" may be an effort in a losing battle, it's an effort—and a battle—worth noticing.

courtesy of metalwarez.com

"Live at the Aragon"
Mastodon
Release Date: 3/15/11
★★★½☆

Bullet Points

Thursday, April 14

- **Night of stand-up comedy:** The doctors of comedy—Kyle Dratwa, Isaac Whalen, Maura Monahan, and Chris Velucci—are gearing up to have you laughing till you pee and milk comes rocketing out of your nostrils. ...Anyone else turned on by that image? Ahem. Anyway, come to Combs 139 at 8 p.m. for the best night of college humor you'll ever have.

Friday, April 15

- **Undeniably Adjacent:** It's the last show of the semester. Of the year. Of your life! (Probably.) Nothing will ever be funny again. So come to Combs 139 at 8 p.m. to get the last laugh.
- **Grill Down the Hill:** The one good thing Marshall Hall has. I said it. We were all thinking it. But come to Marshall at 5 p.m. for free food and music.

Saturday, April 16

- **Spring Fling:** Dance parties in foam, pig races, laser tag? What? Since when were school-sponsored events this cool? It's like they've been saving every awesome thing they had for this one event, and it's going to be a blast. It's in both the Underground and on Ball Circle, starting at 8 p.m.
- **Spelling Bee Play:** We had a review of it last week, and it's still going. It's one of the best plays the theatre department has had in recent memory and you should definitely see it. K-L-E-I-N Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets are $8 with your U-M-W I-D.

Sunday, April 17

- **Spelling Bee Play:** And it just keeps on going. Klein Theatre. 8 p.m. $8 tickets with UMW ID. GO-GO-GO!

Tuesday, April 19

- **Open Mic Night:** Think you're talented? Yeah, me too. When I'm in the shower, belting my lungs out, straining my falsetto so hard that it becomes truthsetto, I can just hear the applause. That's why you'll see me at Open Mic Night, wet and naked, singing "Bare Necessities." Join me in the Underground at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20

- **BINGO:** Did you know that I've written something new about Bingo every single week for the last two semester? Do you *know* how difficult that is? The Underground should give me a medal. So now, with my last time writing Bullet Points, here's what I'll say about Bingo: "Bingo is a lot like sex. You get closer and closer and then *BAM!* Somebody else comes first. Underground, 8 p.m."

Send Bullet Points to tella@mail.umw.edu.

Marie Sicola/Bullet

Check online for photos from the Student Art Gallery.

Features

Children Helping Honduras

Communications professor Anand Rao and his two children traveled to La Nunez with SHH to help build a school

By TENILLE GOODMAN and JULIE DYMON
Staff Writers

A UMW professor and his children spent a week building a school and forging relationships in Honduras.

Anand Rao, associate professor in the Department of English, Linguistics and Communication, traveled to Honduras last December with his daughter, Tirzah, and son, Sidd, to help members of the UMW branch of Students Helping Honduras (SHH) build a new school in La Nunez.

According to BBC news, Honduras is "one of the least developed and least secure countries in Central America."

In a nation where 50 percent of the population is younger than 19, the need for education improvement and the assistance of organizations like SHH is apparent.

During their travels to Japan, Europe, Egypt and India, the Rao's have been exposed to many cultures and differences in quality of life compared to that of the United States. However, nothing could prepare Tirzah and Sidd for their week in La Nunez.

"It was a lot worse than I imagined," Tirzah said. "There was nothing [the kids] could have done to deserve the conditions they were living in."

Tirzah knew enough Spanish to ask basic questions, but some of the villagers were not impressed with her grasp of the language and teased her. Fortunately for Tirzah, she befriended Cassidy, a local girl who she had been tutoring.

"She stood up for me for that, it was really sweet," Tizrah said.

Sidd was not familiar with Spanish either. In order to overcome the language barrier, he used the power of video games to connect with a local boy at the airport.

Courtesy of Anand Rao

Sidd Rao, 11, mixed concrete for the foundation of the school he and his family helped build in Honduras.

"He helped me with my Spanish, and I helped him with his English," Sidd explained.

Rao jokingly told his son to tell his mom that video games do serve a greater purpose.

"They bring people together," Rao said. "Even with the language barrier, it didn't hold them back and they became fast friends."

Like his children, Rao also had a moment where the language difference was overridden by the desire to help a community.

"Many of the parents [whose] kids will be going to the school [currently being built] were mixing concrete with us," he said. "They were teaching us how to do that without even speaking any English."

The construction site was a place of constant activity and each day held a sense of purpose.

"Everyone was so pumped up to get the school started, [that all of the construction] goals were met early," Rao said.

According to Tirzah, during the one week they were in Honduras, they dug the foundation, filled it with cement and set up the rebar, which is a rod or bar used for reinforcement in concrete pouring.

While construction was going on, several students were tutoring the local children.

Rao was happy with the experience and its impact on his children.

"I have a great sense of pride to see them working and getting something out of it," Rao said. "When they were there, they upped their game. They were so responsible and I was proud to see them rise to the challenge."

Because of the experience, both of the Rao children plan to continue to help the Honduran students from home. They even talked about starting a chapter of SHH at Gayle Middle School in Fredericksburg.

Tizrah and Sidd also discussed plans to hold fundraisers at their school in order to purchase school supplies for the children who impacted them so significantly.

The simple fact that they were there and trying to make a difference in the lives of the people in La Nunez transcended language.

"The people were so kind and so thankful that we were there," Sidd said.

Eat, Pray, Woodstock on Campus

Courtesy of Rose Benedict

President Rick Hurley sampled some of the new Woodstock line of health food at The Underground last Friday.

By NANCY BELLE
Staff Writer

Although most UMW students did not get to experience the Woodstock Music and Art Fair in 1969, many were able to participate in the latest project by the founders of Woodstock, a new health food brand.

The new brand is a partnership between Woodstock Ventures and Soedexo, the company that runs UMW Dining Services and is still in the planning stages, according to Rose Benedict, the UMW Dining Retail Manager.

The yet untitled brand has the theme of "back to mother earth" according to Benedict and is planned to be 'earth friendly.'

"[I'm] really excited to be a part of this and show new fresh ingredients. All of the breads for the line will be made in house," said Jeff McClure, a Sodexo National Chef.

"Right now we're in the process of sampling and tasting products" said UMW Dining General Manager, Kori Dean. "Depending on feedback we may introduce these products into The Underground next semester."

The founders of Woodstock picked UMW to launch the brand because when they visited The Underground brought back memories.

It reminded them of a "Greenwich Village, [New York] club popular during Woodstock," according to Lyndsay Geyer, Marketing Manager of UMW Dining.

On Friday April 8, samples of some of the possible dishes that will be included in the brand were served at The Underground during lunch.

The samples in The Underground last week were met with positive reviews from many students present.

"[I] really liked [the] chicken couscous salad. It was an interesting combination, [I was] impressed. [It was] not like anything else here," said junior Samantha Miller.

In addition to the chicken couscous salad, there was grilled cheese, a Monte Cristo sandwich, a peanut butter, banana and chocolate chip sandwich, roasted tomato soup, a berry juice, iced black tea and mint tea with mango.

There are also plans to start selling new potential "Back to Mother Earth" menu items in The Underground every day for the remainder of the semester.

"All the feedback [about the food tested] will help [the founders of Woodstock] develop the retail brand," according to Geyer.

Though nothing is really known about what exactly will come of the Woodstock brand and whether or not any items will actually be incorporated into the Underground's menu.

If the brand is started at UMW it will be personalized to students tastes on campus.

"[I] liked the idea overall about changing the face of things [in The Underground.] Bringing in teas would be beneficial," said sophomore Sean Smith.

Snickerdoodles

By VIRGINIA OSELLA
Staff Writer

Everyone loves fresh cookies, and with a name like "snickerdoodles," how can these not be good? As the semester comes to a close, this quick and easy recipe will make a great study snack.

It also might come in handy if you think a professor needs that extra reminder that you're his or her favorite student.

As long as you keep basic baking ingredients in your kitchen, you will have everything you need. Have some extra cinnamon and sugar on hand in case you run out as you roll the cookie dough in it before baking. (Any leftover cinnamon sugar is the perfect topping for French toast.)

The way to check if they're ready is to see if the bottom is brown. The perfect snickerdoodle will be a little crunchy on the outside, but still soft on the inside.

If you've never made cookies from scratch before, now's the time to start.

Ingredients:
1 2/3 cup flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
pinch of salt
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 cup butter
3/4 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tb. cinnamon
1/4 cup sugar

Directions:
Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
Combine flour, baking powder, salt and nutmeg. Set aside.
In a bowl, mash butter and sugar together until well blended. Add eggs and vanilla, and mix until light and fluffy. Add flour mixture, and stir until well combined.

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Mix cinnamon and sugar on plate. Roll a spoonful of dough into 1-inch balls. Roll each ball in cinnamon sugar mixture and place on a greased cookie sheet.

Bake for 10 to 20 minutes. Makes about 30 cookies.

Students Pledge Not to Text and Drive

By SALLY MATHIS
Staff Writer

"Eighty percent of the accidents are attributed to distracted drivers, 25 percent of those are because you're using your cell phone," said senior Simran Kaur.

Kaur is part of the Dorsey Scholars, a group of eight students who received the Judy Dorsey scholarship. The group campaigned at The Nest last week to spread awareness about the dangers of texting while driving.

"[They] coordinate campus community service initiatives to inform students to spread awareness about the dangers of texting and driving," according to Kaur.

The Dorsey Scholars asked students to sign their pledge against texting and driving.

"[The group's mission is] to spread awareness that texting while driving is a danger," Kaur said. "[Abstaining from] it increases your safety and increases the safety of those around you. It's something simple that you can do to maybe live longer."

The pledge reads, "I pledge to make my car a No Phone Zone. Beginning right now, I will do my part to help put an end to distracted driving by committing to drive as responsibly as I can. I will not text or use my phone while I am driving. If I need to use my phone, I will pull over to a secure location."

According to Kaur, people between the ages of 18 and 24 make up 50 percent of people who text.

Although she said most students do not feel that they're distracted drivers, the overall reaction of the students to the campaign has been a positive one.

Many of the students who signed the pledge card said they signed because they were involved in an accident of texting while driving, Kaur explained.

"In 2008 alone 6000 people were killed and half a million injuries in the United States [were related to texting while driving]," she said.

Distracted driving accounts for nearly 25 percent of car accidents, according to Kaur.

They received over 400 signatures on the pledges from both students and UMW faculty members.

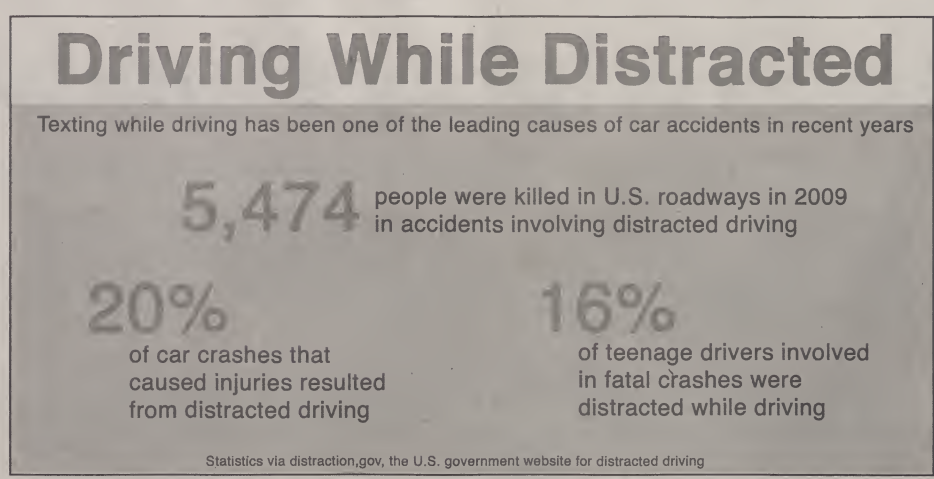
"We had our campus police stop by and sign the pledge card [and] people who work at The Nest and Seaco dining have signed the pledge card," Kaur said.

Dean Rucker, Doug Searcy and several professors also took time to pledge their commitment not to text and drive.

President Rick Hurley's wife, Rosemary Hurley, championed this cause, according to Kaur.

"Mrs. Hurley really feels passionate about this cause and really wants the student body to be safe," said Kaur. "For her this is really about the student body who commute and the safety of the community while driving."

The Dorsey Scholars plan to hang the completed pledge cards in Lee Hall as a reminder to students not to text and drive.



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Seacobeck Fair Offers Healthy Choices

Local vendors gathered in the Seacobeck Dome Room to educate students about a variety of health-related topics

By MINDY MAULDIN
Staff Writer

Imitation chocolate, protein shake samples, free back massages and the old familiar tar-covered model smoker's lung were part of a diverse presentation Tuesday, April 5 at the second annual Health and Wellness Fair.

The event, sponsored by UMW Dining Services, featured 15 vendors and community groups that shared informational and commercial exhibits in the Dome Room of Seacobeck Hall.

Dining Services Marketing Specialist Lyndsay Geyer invited a wide range of organizations to make exhibits in order to represent a holistic view of wellness and appeal to a diverse audience.

"We tried to mix it up," Geyer said. "We wanted it to attract different kinds of students, so it wasn't all about food, or all about being active."

The first and most information-rich table was manned by Mary Washington Healthcare. The exhibit featured model body parts and a germ-detecting machine called the Glitter Bug. The table explained the hospital's impressive smoking-cessation program, which is free to the public.

Appealing to sports enthusiasts were the Sport&Health club and the Vitamin Shoppe. Fredericksburg's downtown Salon 730 represented beauty care, informing students of their 10% student discount.

Bill Greenlaw, the owner of the Pantry Shelf Natural Foods & Gourmet Grocery, introduced students to carob, a natural, healthier chocolate substitute. Other food exhibitors included General Mills Inc., Kellogg NA Co. and Lipton.

Total Health Chiropractic Center's free massages were a particularly big hit, generating a constant waiting line.

A UMW table on STD prevention and birth control presented a clever game that demonstrated the high risks that accompany unprotected sex. Participants picked a folded slip of paper out of a basket, that had one of many possible health outcomes of one night of unprotected sex.

Two exhibitors presented on emotional and spiritual wellness: the drug and suicide intervention nonprofit To Write Love On Her Arms, and the UMW student religious group Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

Geyer estimated that at least 300 students and faculty attended, a higher number of attendees than at last year's fair.

"I was definitely happy with what the vendors brought," she said. "It looked even better than my expectations."

The fair wasn't unique to UMW, although Dining Services was able to plan the specifics of the event, Geyer explained. The annual Health and Wellness Fair is a national, mandatory event at all Sodexo institutions.

Although the Dome Room was milling with attendees all afternoon, Geyer hopes future fairs will be even more successful.

"My hopes for next year are that we can really get some vendors in here that students will get excited about," she said.

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After Rain Delay, Anticipation Builds

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The outdoor grill and concert sponsored by the Marshall Hall hall council will take place on April 15, after being pushed back a week due to inclement weather

By ALEX VAN BEEK
Staff Writer

Students that headed down to Marshall Hall on April 8 to take part in the annual Grill Down the Hill would have not only been disappointed, but wet too. Due to inclement weather, the event was postponed to Friday, April 15.

Grill Down the Hill is an outdoor event that showcases grilled food, local bands and other various activities, so the need for good weather is absolutely paramount to its success.

According to sophomore Lonnie Southall, one of the organizers of the event, the food is free, a fact sure to appeal to the average, penniless college student.

"There will be burgers, hot dogs, chips and sodas, with grilling by OSACS," Southall said.

Local band Who Took Fred? will be performing at the Grill. According to Southall, who is also the front-man of the band, they will be playing both cover songs by bands like The Who, Foo Fighters and Modest Mouse, and original material.

In the past, there have always been a variety of outdoor activities, and this year looks to be no different.

"We are going to have a giant Jenga we rented from OSACS, relay races and a ton of other fun stuff," said sophomore Tiffany Sharpe, who is also helping to arrange the event.

The staff organizing the Grill is working to make sure every student can find something that appeals to them at the event.

The Grill Down the Hill begins at 5 p.m. at Marshall Hall and everyone involved is bursting with excitement.

"The only way we are canceling it is if it rains, and fortunately the weather is looking great," Sharpe said.

Campus Alerts Keep Students Informed About Local Dangers

By BULLET STAFF

When Virginia Tech was fined $55,000 last month for failing to warn its campus quickly the morning of the shootings four years ago, it sent a strong signal that federal education officials are serious about crime alerts.

That has put increased pressure on college administrators to be sure they are adequately following what can be difficult regulations to interpret.

Security on Campus, a nonprofit advocate for government policies to improve campus safety, states in its online Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting, "a warning should be issued as soon as the pertinent information is available. This is critical: it's expected that even if you don't have all of the facts surrounding a criminal incident or incidents, you will issue a warning. You can then follow up with additional information as it becomes available."

Under the federal law known as the Clery Act, in memory of a student who was killed, seven major on-campus crimes must be reported: criminal homicide, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft and arson. The crimes must also be communicated in a timely fashion. However, "timely" is not defined.

Neither is there a mandated way to issue the warning. The individual institution determines the method in which the warnings are communicated. For the University of Mary Washington community, the information comes through email alerts, a scrolling red banner on the university homepage and subscribed text messages.

University spokesman George Farrar said his priority is to protect the students and faculty by communicating information as quickly as possible.

Ruth Lovelace, UMW Director of Emergency Management and Safety, added that warnings are issued "immediately upon request from either police or senior administration."

The more pressing emergencies, wherein UMW students and faculty may be in imminent danger, are sent through text messages. The text-message alert system currently has 6,000 community members signed up, including alumni, parents, students and employees.

Any college found to violate the Clery Act may be fined or lose its eligibility to participate in federal student-aid programs. In the case of Virginia Tech's recent fine, the federal government found that school officials took more than two hours to issue a warning on April 16, 2007 about two murders that occurred before 7:15 a.m. By 9:50 a.m., the same gunman had shot 60 other students, killing 30. To date, the highest fine under the Clery Act is the $350,000 levied against Eastern Michigan University for not reporting the murder of a student in 2006.

"We have a greater responsibility to our community now to inform them of any issues that may involve their safety and the safety of our assets."

--Ruth Lovelace

This reporting mandate resulted from the murder of a Lehigh University student in 1986. Jeanne Clery was raped and murdered in her residence hall, and upon hearing that the students at Lehigh University had not been notified about 38 other violent crimes on campus over three years prior to Clery's murder, Clery's parents lobbied Congress to enact The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

The U. S. Department of Education defines the act as a "federal statute requiring colleges and universities participating in federal financial aid programs to maintain and disclose campus crime statistics and security information."

At UMW, a crime alert was sent out on Dec. 5, 2010, entitled, "Suspicious Person on Fredericksburg Campus."

Hours later, another email was sent by campus police, saying, "It is safe to resume all normal activities."

According to the Clery Act, this did not have to be reported because there was no crime committed. However, Lovelace said she believes UMW has a great responsibility to inform its community of any threats to their safety.

"With this comes an expectation of delivery," she said. "We take that very serious and continue to listen to our community and try to manage information and deliver it when necessary."

Daniel Carter, director of public policy for Security on Campus, explained, "20 years ago colleges generally shielded this reality from public scrutiny."

Now, statistics of campus crimes are provided to encourage precautions to be taken and for institutions to analyze the trends.

As required by the Clery Act, UMW regularly sends emails and text messages warning the student body, faculty, and administration of any crimes as well any existing threats on or near the UMW campus. The alerts are not limited to the crimes specifically defined in the Clery Act.

Captain Rick Pennock of the Fredericksburg Police Department believes it is better to send more alerts that include minor crimes rather than fewer alerts about crimes of more severe nature only.

UMW sophomore Amanda Buckner agreed. "It's better to be safe, than sorry," she said.

Fredericksburg police receive the alerts sent by UMW officials as well, and in turn UMW receives any alerts sent by the police department regarding crimes in the area.

"It's a two-way street," said Pennock.

When asked about the impact that crime alerts have had on reducing crime, Carter, of Security on Campus, stated that while crime alerts alone are not necessarily intended to lower the crime rate, "we do believe they have fundamentally changed how campus communities respond to crime threats, and that can lower the crime rate."

Each crime alert that is sent out on this campus includes the note, "The UMW Police would like to remind everyone to be mindful of your surroundings and to increase your awareness of suspicious persons and situations."

On Sept. 28, 2010, a campus-crime alert was issued regarding a suspicious man posing as a plain clothed Fredericksburg police officer.

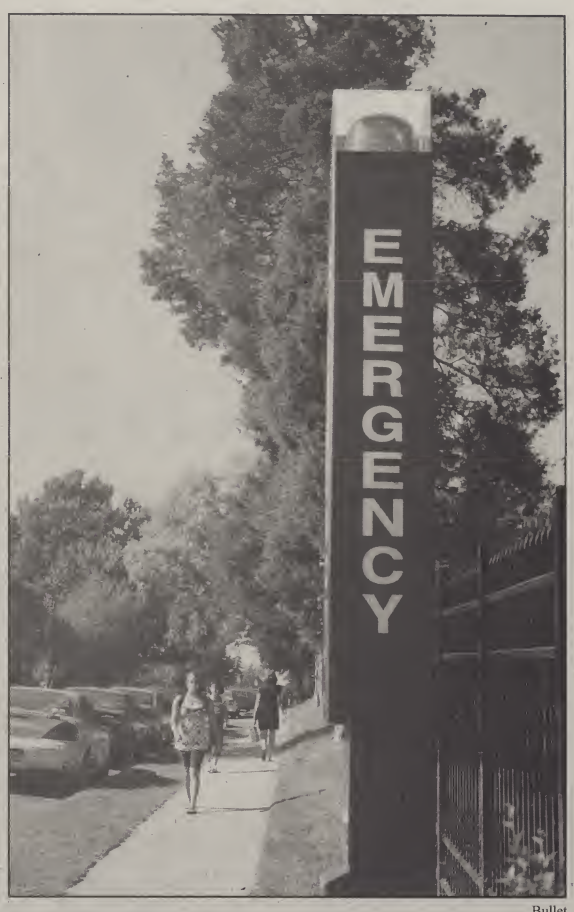
A UMW student reported that she was walking from her car to her home and when the male approached her holding out his wallet claiming he was with the police. The man asked several times to see her identification, and wanted to come into her home to verify her identity. The student said no, locked the door and called the police.

Lovelace believes that the alert system helps make the community safer.

"It allows for the community to be alert and aware of any situation that may cause them harm," she said.

Lovelace continues to support and encourage the proactive use of campus crime alerts, saying, "We have a greater responsibility to our community now to inform them of any issues that may involve their safety and the safety of our assets."

Maarij Baig, Lizzie Brenner, Rob Bridges and Samantha Daniel contributed to this report.



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Campuses across the country make efforts to keep their students safe, including the implementation of alert systems.

Universities Across Virginia Adopt Donation Strategies

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and Kathryn Jarvis, assistant vice president and chief of staff from UVA, the majority of donations come from alumni. Grant estimates that Longwood University receives an average of $5 million per year from alumni donations; Meringolo gave an estimate of $6-7 million per year for UMW.

Jason Life, the managing director of alumni engagement of UVA, said, "We, as Alumni Affairs, try to build as large a pipeline to alumni as possible; we know that as people get involved, they will want to continue their involvement and hopefully become donors." Life said that UVA raised "$203.8 million in cash flow, [such as] gifts, pledge payments, grants and irrevocable deferred gifts" for fiscal year 2010.

Grant believes that graduates who leave Longwood feel as though their lives have been improved are more likely to donate and be involved in the future of Longwood, supporting a statement by Life that, "if students don't have a good time as an undergrad, it's hard to do alumni affairs."

To improve alumni donations for Longwood, Grant said that he needs more, "road warriors" travelling the country and engaging alumni.

Mary Washington makes an effort to keep in touch with its 34,000 alumni, but Steen acknowledged that they must be realistic in their expectations. Still, some people give every year for decades, he said.

Rachel Enright, Lisa Feeley, Thomas Ella, Andrea Forcum and Simone Fox contributed to this report.

Participants Reflect on Poverty

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in the past, the community this year was just as strong.

Free time during the challenge was spent hanging out by the shelter we constructed out of cardboard, tarps and whatever else we could find. We cooked our rice or Ramen and waited for boiled water to cool down. On the warmer nights, when not trying to complete homework in Trinkle, we spent time throwing a Frisbee, singing songs and otherwise getting to know each other.

Students can choose to sleep outside or in their dorms. Many, myself included, opted to stay outside for the week. The first and the final nights several of us chose to sleep in the walkway outside Melchers instead of in the shelter because of the predicted bad weather.

When a tornado warning sounded around 4 a.m. early Tuesday, we realized how lucky we were to be able to stay in Melchers, a luxury that people actually in poverty do not have. Students in the shelter who were told by the police to move to Trinkle because of the tornado warning realized the same thing.

Each day we were reminded numerous times how many things we take for granted.

Sophomore Derek Whitaker said that while he knows he did not get a total image of what poverty is like, he did gain some insight into some of the conditions people around the world live in.

"As I go through the week I begin to think about why other people are doing this too. People didn't get to go into Trinkle when there were floods and storms in other countries."

–Sarah Staunton

Senior Sarah Staunton expressed the same sentiment that on a college campus, we did not have to worry about dangers such as theft, starvation or disease which people truly in these conditions must deal with everyday.

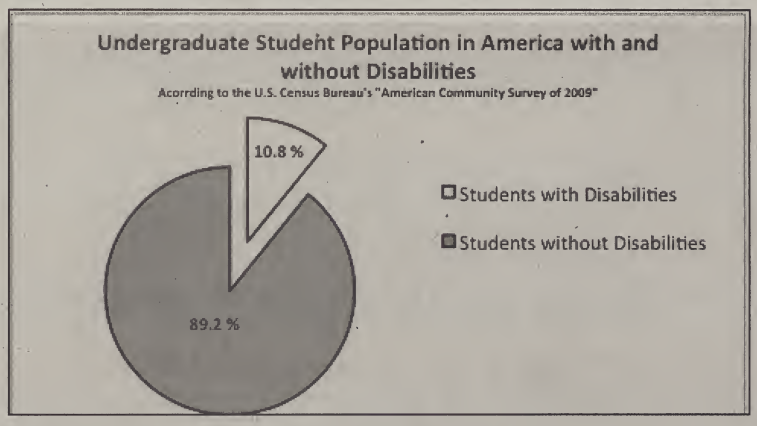
"As I go through the week I begin to think about why other people are doing this too," Staunton said. "People didn't get to go into Trinkle when there were floods and storms in other countries."

The organization has garnered plenty of criticism over the years for numerous reasons, such as not being a true representation of poverty and for ignoring American homelessness in place of that abroad.

However, I believe that what people do not realize is that we are the biggest critics of ourselves. Every year we meet as a group on the Tuesday night to discuss the article "To Hell With Good Intentions," by Ivan Illich, which is about the problems of foreign aid to other countries.

The conversation usually involves a lot of reconsideration of ideas about helping the poor. We then meet again on Thursday to reflect on the week together. This year Richard Finkelstein, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, joined for the discussion.

Kirsten Morgan contributed to this report



Number of Students With Disabilities Rises 37 Percent

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disabilities actually take advantage of the available resources.

The office offers a variety of assistive technologies.

Among these, the office has software that automatically transcribes voice into text, audio tape recorders, electronic books and smartpens that link text with audio.

Some students with disabilities are reluctant to tap the assets that have been set aside for them.

Sophomore Megan Mahoney said that she has a disability but does not want to register with the Office of Disability Resources.

"I just feel that if I can handle it on my own, then I will," Mahoney said.

Freshman Patrick Gasparini registered in order to receive accommodations in class but said that using accommodations makes him feel that his classmates view him differently.

Gasparini said that greater acceptance of others in the UMW community might help resolve this.

Nonetheless, Gasparini found that the office was doing everything it could.

"I don't think the Office of Disability Resources can do anything about [fostering greater acceptance]," Gasparini said.

Mahoney agreed.

"I think that's just wishful thinking," she said.

Last year, the Office of Disability Services became the Office of Disability Resources.

The office's new name reflects students with disabilities' active role, according to the information provided on the office's website. The site also says that the rationale behind the name change reflects a more active use of the resources the office makes accessible.

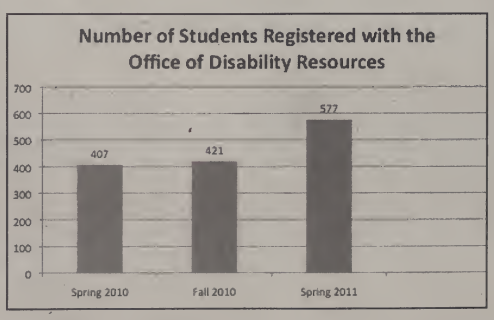
The rationale also explains that the name change suggests the whole UMW community's role in accommodating all students.

Senior Joe Proffet said that the Office of Disability Resources might encourage students to use the available technology by increasing student awareness of the office on campus.

"They could do a little more in the way of advertising," Proffet said.

Senior Meganne Lemon, who is hard of hearing, worked as an orientation leader for Step Ahead. Through this program, the office offers students with disabilities the opportunity to go to orientation before the rest of the freshman class arrives on campus.

Lemon credits the diversity of the college environment with cultivating a more accepting attitude in its students than she experienced in high school.



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machine hums, so I'll discount his disturbing/emasculating joint perfume commercial and give him the award anyway.

Coach of the Year: Gregg Popovich

This was a really tough year to call this award. Tom Thibodeau for Chicago, Lionel Hollins for Memphis, Phil Collins for Philadelphia, and George Karl for Denver all deserve credit for the fantastic jobs they did with their respective teams this season. However, what Popovich did with the Spurs was remarkable. San Antonio was the 7th seed in the Western Conference a year ago, and jumped up to 61 wins (still two games to play) and the No. 1 seed in the West this season. The only additions to the Spurs rotation this year were a pair of 26-year old rookie-imports from Europe, as the main reason for the improvement was Popovich's change of philosophy. The longtime defensive oriented coach embraced a faster paced offensive system because it better fit the players he had, and his decision to go outside his comfort zone worked marvelously.

Defensive Player of the Year: Dwight Howard

Howard is by far the best defensive big man in the NBA. D12 averages an NBA best 3.7 blocks+steals (2.4 blocks, 1.3 steals) and is the most intimidating interior presence in the league today. When you look at the rest of Orlando's roster and see that Howard's teammates are a bunch of guys who don't even try to play defense, it becomes more apparent the type of defensive load Howard has to carry every night. Howard always has to cover the other team's best low post scorer, help out on whatever big man the soft Ryan Anderson or undersized Brandon Bass is covering, and protect the paint from slashing guards who Orlando's inept perimeter defenders can't cover.

Most Valuable Player: Derrick Rose

Courtesy of Clint Often

Dwight Howard is the NBA's most disruptive defensive force.

Courtesy of the Associated Press

Derrick Rose has earned the MVP.

Many pundits have harped on Rose as the MVP for most of the season. Naturally, I tried to find a different candidate to support and go against the grain, but in the end I just couldn't deny what Rose has done this year. He's the only player in the NBA who is top-10 in points per game and assists per game (25 and 7.9) and he also adds in solid rebound and steals numbers (4.1 and 1.1). Now Rose's defense is closer to Steve Nash than Gary Payton, but all he contributes offensively and in terms of leadership make up for that hole.

What puts Rose over the likes of other MVP candidates such as LeBron James, Dwight Howard, and Kevin Durant is the way he carried the Bulls when his teammates went down. Rose led Chicago when they lost their main low post scorer, Carlos Boozer, for the opening 15 games of the season, and he again put the Bulls on his back when defensive anchor Joakim Noah missed 30 games right after Boozer returned. People thought Chicago would be a team who could make some noise in the Eastern Conference, but no one expected them to surge past the Celtics and Heat for the top spot in the East. Yet, contrary to preseason opinions, the Bulls have clinched the No. 1 seed in their conference, and a large part of that is because of Rose's phenomenal season.

So while I'll still debate Laker fans to the death that LeBron James is the best player in the NBA and has been for the past three seasons, this award is about most valuable. James fit that criteria the past two years, but while he's still the league's best player, Rose has earned the honor of most valuable. His numbers stack up to make him a worthy candidate regardless, but his intangibles put him over the top.

Track & Field Strong At Lynchburg College

By NICK NELSON
Staff Writer

The Mary Washington track and field team ran past the competition with several strong finishes last weekend at the Lynchburg College Invitational on Saturday, April 9, in Lynchburg, Va.

On the men's side, senior Scott Matthiessen ran the 400-meters in 51.60, junior Chris Marino finished first in the 3000-meter steeplechase with an impressive time of 9:44.37, freshman David Justis finished the 1500-meter race at 4:07.88 and senior Matt Geller notched a fourth place finish in the shot put.

The women were equally strong in their competition. Senior Amanda Zapata had a fourth place finish in the javelin throw, measuring 98 feet and 11 inches. Senior Sarah Dawes finished fourth in the 1500-meters at 4:51.79, while sophomore Michelle Sutherland ran the 400-meters in 1:08.73 and freshman Kaytlen Keller ran the 400-meters in 61.86 seconds.

Coach Stan Soper was pleased with the performance from both sides.

"We've had better weather, which helped," Soper said. "It wasn't as cold as it's been, it wasn't as rainy as it's been, it wasn't as windy as it's been. We really ran together well."

Matthiessen was equally pleased with the performance by both teams.

"The team as a whole has put in a lot of work in practice," Matthiessen said. "We hit a turning point about midway through the season and we're really performing at our best now."

The strong finish came on the heels of Geller being named a Capital Athletic Conference Athlete of the Week for the week of March 29. Geller notched three fifth-place finishes in at the Washington & Lee/VMI Carnival in the shot put (42-2), discus (124-5), and hammer throw (152-11) to be named the Men's Field Athlete of the Week.

With the team heading into the Capital Athletic Conference Championship this coming Saturday, April 16, the level of focus and motivation will have to be optimal for success.

"Our team has been more motivated the last half of the year," Matthiessen said. "The team has come together, there's team unity, and the leadership has gotten the team to a good point in the season. We'll need heart and determination to really go far."

Coach Soper echoed the sentiment of his athlete.

"All of the regular season meets lead to the conference championship," Soper said. "We've seen progression week to week, and we're really running together well. We just hope to get as healthy as possible before Saturday's meet. We're in a good place at this point. It's up to them now."

The Capital Athletic Conference Championship will take place this Saturday at York College in York, Pennsylvania.

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The UMW track and field team had a multitude of impressive performances this past weekend.

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Sports

Baseball Sweeps Bobcats in Doubleheader

Pair of wins over Frostburg State clinch the fourth seed for UMW in CAC Tournament

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The University of Mary Washington baseball team won its Capital Athletic Conference doubleheader over Frostburg State last Sunday afternoon, April 10. The Eagles won the first game 2-0, and finished off the doubleheader sweep by taking the nightcap, 7-6, on a walk-off single. The pair of wins improved UMW to 21-12 overall and 9-9 in CAC play. The win secured the fourth seed for Mary Washington heading into the conference tournament, which gets underway this afternoon. Despite the pair of losses, the Bobcats still clinched the No. 2 seed in the CAC tournament.

"It shows a lot about how tough the conference is, that any team can go out and win regardless of seeding and it not be labeled as an upset," junior Shane Sixsmith said. "Now going into the playoffs, it's the team that wants it the most that will win the conference title."

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In the opener of the double-dip, the Eagles' first two hitters, Sixsmith and freshman Beattie Southerland, scored the only two runs of the game in the first inning. Sixsmith singled, stole second, and advanced to third on an error that allowed Southerland to reach base. Southerland then stole second, with Sixsmith stealing home on the throw. Junior Brent Steffey then roped an RBI single to bring Southerland home for the second and final run of the game.

Sophomore Michael Straub earned the win for the Eagles, as he allowed five hits and two walks while striking out six in his six innings of work. A fellow sophomore wrapped up Straub's impressive start, as Torey Mancari notched his second save of the season and struck out two in his seventh inning appearance.

The second game saw the Eagles fall behind in the first inning, when the Bobcats Doug Anuszewski smoked an RBI single to give Frostburg State an early 1-0 lead. UMW responded with a big second inning, highlighted by junior Santino Rosanova's RBI double and Sixsmith's two RBI single. The Eagles tacked on another run in the bottom of the third, giving Mary Washington a 4-1 lead.

The Bobcats offense erupted for five runs on six hits in the fourth inning to take a 6-4 advantage. The Eagles got one back in the bottom of the fifth, when Southerland scored on a wild pitch, to pull within one of Frostburg State.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, the Eagles desperately needed a rally. Down a run with only three outs standing between UMW and a loss, senior Eric Rehbein led off with a hit by pitch to put the tying run on first. Freshman Mitchell Herringshaw then drew a walk, moving the tying run to second and putting the winning run on base. Senior Jackson Clement came to the plate and mashed a double to right center, bringing Rehbein home to tie the game, but Herringshaw was cut down at the plate trying to score the winning run. With Clement at third after advancing on the throw home, Frostburg State decided to intentionally walk freshmen Jake Rudman and Connor Finnerty to set up a double play opportunity and make a force out at any base. It all ended up being for not, as Rosanova provided the game-winning single to right field that scored Clement and gave UMW the dramatic come from behind win.

After closing out the first game, Mancari won the second in relief, allowing one hit in the top of the seventh with one strikeout. The pitching for both teams was far from stellar and relied heavily on the bullpens, as the two teams combined to use 11 pitchers.

With a season that has gone up and down for the Eagles, they seem to have found their stride and at an opportune time, winning four of their last five games to wrap up the regular season.

"We started off hot and then hit a little road bump, but now we have come back as a team and we are definitely on the right track to making a solid push through the conference tournament and hopefully into regionals as well," junior Matt Abramson said.

After a pair of rainouts, the fourth seeded Eagles will visit No. 3 seed St. Mary's College today at 3:30 p.m. in first round CAC tournament action. The Eagles went 1-2 against St. Mary's this season, splitting a doubleheader the last time these two teams met.

Courtesy of Clint Often

The UMW baseball team won two games against Frostburg State, taking the first game 2-0 and winning the second 7-6.

Lacrosse Gets Their "Juicy, Crunchy Award"

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Courtesy of Clint Often

Senior Kohl Meyer led the Eagles offensive attack, as he scored four goals and added two assists in UMW's 16-8 victory.

By ANDREW KADA
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This past Saturday, the University of Mary Washington men's lacrosse team traveled to Dover, De. where they picked up another victory by knocking off Wesley College.

The men went into halftime with the score knotted at 7-7. UMW came out of the intermission rolling, as they quickly gained momentum and outscored the Wolverines 5-0 in the third period. Mary Washington kept increasing their lead into the fourth, as UMW scored the first three goals of the final period as well, making it nine unanswered goals for the Eagles dating back to the end of the first half. When the final whistle blew, Mary Washington had earned an impressive 16-8 victory.

Junior Harry Snyder vividly described his mentality on game day as similar to that of "an anteater climbing on a hill of ants and knowing that if we dug our tongues far enough we would receive a juicy, crunchy award."

Outstanding players for UMW were seniors Kohl Meyer, Mark Bowler, and Evan Weiss, who scored four, three and two goals, respectively. Meyer's performance was deemed so excellent that he was honored as the CAC Player of the Week. Other Eagles that stepped up and contributed to the Eagles high level of play included sophomore Bryan Trammell and freshmen Chip Pittard and Joey Marson.

On the defensive front, juniors Will Devlin, Matt Vazquez, seniors Andrew Kohler and goalie Ryan Klemen did well to protect Mary Washington's goal, with Klemen saving 17 attempts on the Eagle net.

Head coach Kurt Glaeser said that although he was satisfied with his team's win from the weekend, he did see a point in the game where he believed his team could have given more.

"The team had a sluggish first half, especially defensively," Glaeser said. "We are getting away with too much individual effort in clearing situations, and our riding can improve as well."

In any case, the UMW men have been doing well recently, with their record improving to 9-5 on the season, and 5-2 in Capital Athletic Conference play. The Eagles currently sit in a tie for third place in the conference standings, trailing only Salisbury and Stevenson, who both remain undefeated against CAC competition. Coach Glaeser has been bringing his training sessions to shorter lengths but higher levels in anticipation of upcoming CAC action.

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- Junior Harry Snyder

The men have been making minor strategy changes in order to work more collectively going forward. In addition, the UMW lacrosse team is looking to match the school's record 11-win season, which this current teams is two games away from achieving.

Coach Glaeser is confident that his team can carry their success into the next games as the men have been able to "do the little things well and the wins take care of themselves".

"At this time of the year, I want them to be mentally fresh," Gleaser said. "It's tough to beat good teams if we don't have the emotional energy. Physically, I hope we'll keep playing team offense & defense and trust the system."

Today, April 14, the men's lacrosse team will host York College at the Battlegrounds at 4 p.m in a crucial conference battle. York is the other team tied for third with Mary Washington in the CAC standings, meaning that the winner of this regular season finale will take the three-seed heading into the upcoming CAC Tournament.

NBA Season's Award Show

By ZACH MORETTI
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The NBA regular season commences Wednesday, and naturally with the season coming to an end, the NBA awards debate thickens. So here are my picks for each of the six major awards, with a brief explanation of each selection.

Rookie of the Year: Blake Griffin

This pick really shouldn't need much of an explanation. Griffin had far and away the most impressive numbers of any rookie, as he averaged 22.4 points, 12.1 rebounds, 3.7 assists, and shot over 50 percent from the field in his first NBA season. That doesn't even take into account his countless jaw-dropping highlight dunks that helped make him one of the most exciting players in the NBA, or the fact that he gave the Clippers organization a pulse for the first time in five years. Griffin gives the Clippers a legitimate franchise player who they can build a team around, and maybe even allow them to climb out from behind the Lakers shadow in future years. And no, I don't care that he's only a rookie on technicality; he is eligible for the award and thus the only logical selection.

Most Improved Player: Kevin Love

Love went from a good player in 2009-2010 (14 points, 11 rebounds, 2.3 assists on 45 percent from the field, 81.5 percent from the line, and 33 percent from three) to a phenomenal player in 2010-2011 (20.2, 15.2, 2.5, and percentages of 47, 85, and 41.7). Love got in much better shape this season and greatly improved his shooting (especially his addition of the three-ball). He also had a ridiculous span of 53 straight double-doubles, breaking Moses Malone's record of 51 since the NBA-ABA merged back in 1976. Sure, the Timberwolves were still garbage, but this in an individual award where team performance has no influence on the winner (unlike MVP). It's not Love's fault that Minnesota management has failed to put other pieces around him, and the front office ineptitude does not diminish the spectacular individual season that Love had.

Sixth Man of the Year: Lamar Odom

Odom started a good number of games, but like Griffin he still technically qualifies for the award he is up for, so he has to be the pick. Mr. Unbreakable averaged 14.3 points, 8.8 rebounds, and 3 assists per game, all while being very efficient (53.4% from the field and 39.2% on three-pointers). Odom is such a mismatch for opposing teams that he forces them to adjust their lineups to him, and other sixth man candidates (Jason Terry and Jamal Crawford) don't help their team that way. Odom can also defend multiple positions for Los Angeles, and he is the Lakers' only consistent bench production. When Odom ticks, the Lakers'

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Softball Advances

The University of Mary Washington softball team defeated Hood College 10-2 in their first round CAC tournament game yesterday afternoon. The win improved the Eagles softball squad to 18-19 on the season, and allowed them to advance to the second round of the CAC tournament. UMW's second round game will take place tonight, but their opponent was not finalized in time to have them included in this issue.